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Mr. Douglas S. Kinney
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The Secretary's Open Forum
Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Kinney:

Admiral Turner has asked me to thank you for your letter of 20 September, and for your kind invitation for him to address The Secretary's Open Forum.

While the Admiral greatly appreciates your thinking of him it is just impossible to accept. Regrettably, the DCI's speaking schedule is already so overloaded that it is impossible to consider any additional commitments in the foreseeable future.

Many thanks again for your offer.

Sincerely,

Herbert E. Hetu
Assistant for Public Affairs
to the Director of Central Intelligence

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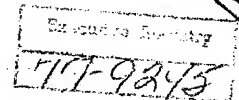
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THE SECRETARY'S OPEN FORUM

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September 20, 1977

Admiral Stansfield Turner
Director
Central Intelligence Agency



Dear Admiral Turner:

I would like to invite you on behalf of the membership of the Open Forum to address the employees of the Department of State, AID, ACDA, and USIA under our auspices. While I would hope not to limit what you might want to talk about, I would suggest touching on relations between the Agency and the Department of State, the parallel and conflicting interests of the intelligence and diplomatic communities, and what we can all do to improve our working relationship in our common cause.

The Open Forum is a membership organization whose goals are to foster openness, creativity, discussion and dissent in the foreign policy process. We seek to further these ends through meetings with distinguished outside voices, our own discussion and working groups, and memoranda and policy papers to the principals of the Department.

If acceptable to you I would like to include our customary question and answer session following your remarks. Our meetings with speakers are open only to employees of the four public foreign affairs agencies and are strictly off the record. If it would help you make your points we can also classify the session and ask for State Department ID at the door, if this level of security is enough.

We usually have a small luncheon with specialists interested in the field following our speaker session, and hope you could join us for this as our guest also.

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We look forward to an opportunity to meet with you. I think it would be a good chance to reach the "troops" in the foreign affairs community, both to tell them of your concerns and to hear theirs.

Sincerely,



Douglas Sheldon Kinney
Chairman

cc: INR - Mr. Saunders

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